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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Watler, et al.

: DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 09/915,203

Filed: July 23, 2001

Atty. Dkt. No.: 018684001510

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 14, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned September 14, 2005 for failure to timely reply to the final Office action re-mailed June 13, 2005. The final Office action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 6, 2006.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(1); (3) a showing to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for processing of the RCE submitted herewith.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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